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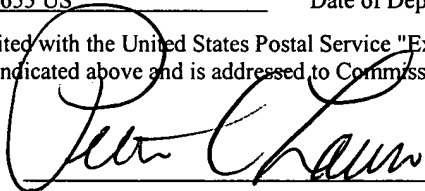
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the non-final Office Action (Paper No. 8) mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on May 29, 2003. A request for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee based on small entity status are being filed concurrently with this amendment and response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: